

3 Orations

3.1 Blessing of a New House

Recite the following prayer in every room of a new house:

O God the Omnipotent Father, we humbly ask that you bless the entrance to our home, and may it please you to sanctify this house as you wanted to bless the house of Abraham and Jacob, and dwelled within their walls with your holy Angels. Grant that the inhabitants of this house be well guarded from all evil spirits, and that our bodies be defended from all spells of Satan and his allies. Give an abundance of heavenly virtue, Lord, in this house, and many of the joys of this earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

3.2 Against Elves and Witches

Upon entering a home afflicted by elves, faeries, evil spirits, witches and witchcraft, and other spiritual maladies, say the following prayers with the family or inhabitants of the home at the entrance to the home:

V: In the name of the Lord may he help us.

R: Who made the heavens and the earth.

V: May the Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Oremus:

Omnipotent and eternal God, who has announced your grace to your priests, so that in your holy name they may be perfected and have faith in you, we beg your mercy, that you may visit us and bless us, just as you visited and blessed the priests, and that you extend your right hand to make all that we have to do, so that it may be a help of our little virtue and strength; and that by the invocation of your holy Name, may all evil spirits together with their helpers flee from here, and may your pure Angels enter into and aid this house, and may they guard its inhabitants so that they may employ themselves in your holy service, without fear of enemies, putting faith and trust in you. Through Christ our Lord, amen.

V: May the Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Lord, glory be to you.

Recite a fragment of the Gospel of Saint Luke:

And, behold, there was a man named Zacchaeus, which was the chief among the publicans, and he was rich. And he sought to see Jesus who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature. And he ran before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and saw him, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for to day I must abide at thy house. And he made haste, and came down, and

received him joyfully. And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, That he was gone to be guest with a man that is a sinner. And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord: Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore him fourfold. And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, in that he also is a son of Abraham. For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.²

May praise be given to you, Lord.

By the virtue of the Holy Gospel that we have said, disappear and go back to nothing all deceit and snares of the infernal Enemy, and all the things of the evil spirit, together with its malice, leave this house immediately. Amen.

Oremus:

Lord Jesus Christ, calling out for your aid and believing in you with hope, direct all our matters to good, and give happiness in this house, and that remains permanent within it, just as you came and sanctified all the world, and as you went to the house of Zacharias and filled it with blessings of your bodily presence, so too bless + and sanctify + this house as they call you so that its inhabitants saved by your blessing may be glad and serve contentedly and know you, Lord, by our only savior. By you, who live and reign with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Recite the following conjuration:

Against you, rebel spirit, abiding within and destroyer of this house, by the merits of the wounds of Christ, I invoke the divine aid and the virtue of the sweetest name of Jesus, together with the Sacred Virgin Mary, the Holy Angels, and the blessed apostles, martyrs, confessors, and virgins and all the saints, I conjure them against you, and I command you that without delay you leave this house, making to dissolve whatever evil work that you have cast or whatever is helping you, and I dissolve every evil work in the name of Jesus of Nazareth, and I desire that it be dissolved, and I bind you with the formal command of obedience, so that you may not stay here, nor return to make others come, and that you may not perturb nor cast against our matters, under the penalty of being permanently cast into the fire and sulfur, burning for millions of years. In the name of our lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, amen.

Upon finishing the prayers, walk through the entire house, making crosses with holy water and a sharp instrument on each wall of each room, saying: "I have here the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, savior of the world, away, evil spirits!"

3.3 To Bless Plants and To Purify Water for All Personal Uses

Recite the following prayers:³

²Luke 19:2–10

³For more on this ritual, see appendix B.2. The prayers in this ritual are given in well-preserved Latin and come from the Ciprianito, indicating a different source than many of the other rituals in the Cipriano, where Latin text is badly corrupted. Accordingly, I have translated the prayers from Latin into English in this ritual rather than leaving them untranslated.

Let there be a firmament in the middle of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters, that which is above is like that which is below and that which is below is like that which is above for the accomplishment of the One Thing. The Sun is its father, the Moon is its mother and the Winds carried it in its womb, it ascends from earth to the heaven and again it descends to the earth.

It is purified! I exorcise you, creature of water, that you may be for me of the living God in my works and a font of life and the ablution of sins.

May ashes be returned to the font of living water and may the earth be fruitful and sprout forth life by the three names that are Netzach, Hod, and Yesod, in the beginning as in the end, by Alpha and Omega, who is are in Spirit Azoth. Amen.

And since there are so many cases where this relic preserves one from the Devil and his charms, blessed is he who keeps the four Holy Gospels. May Luke, John, Mark, and Matthew cleanse us of all evil, to enjoy the pleasure of the celestial homeland as we wish. Amen.

The Gospel of Saint Luke And he arose out of the synagogue, and entered into Simon's house. And Simon's wife's mother was taken with a great fever; and they besought him for her. And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her: and immediately she arose and ministered unto them. Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.⁴

The Gospel of Saint Matthew Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward hungered. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Then the devil takes him up into the holy city, and sets him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again, the devil takes him up into an exceeding high mountain, and shows him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil leaves him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.⁵

The Gospel of Saint John In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men. And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe. He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light. That was the true Light, which lights every man that comes into the world. He was in

⁴Luke 4:38-40

⁵Matthew 4:1-11

the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.⁶

The Gospel of Saint Mark Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned. And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.⁷

3.4 Prayer of Saint Mark for Back Pain

Recite the following when one suffers from lumbago, or back pain:

Glorious Saint Mark, blessed
From the font were you born,
From the font were you reborn,
By that font so pure
Cure this lumbago
That I may travel my road.

3.5 Against Imminent Storms, Floods, Hail, &c.

By the sign of the Cross, from our enemies deliver us, Lord, our God, in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, amen.

Then the symbol of faith is prayed: “I believe in God the Almighty Father”, etc.⁸ Say in conclusion the Kyrie Eleison, and the Our Father.

May the name of God, who made the heavens and the earth, come to our aid. May the name of the Lord be praised, not only now but throughout the ages of ages. We ask God that we may dispel our enemies. May they flee who hate Him and his works.

V: We beg Christ that he help us.

R: And may his name quickly help us.

V: Lord, hear my prayers.

R: May my cries reach You.

V: May the Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

⁶John 1:1-14

⁷Mark 16:14-18

⁸See appendix A for this and other common prayers.

Oremus:

My lord Jesus Christ who made the heavens and the earth, the sea and all the things that exist in it, who blessed the river Jordan, since you wished to be baptized, and extended your holiest hands and arms on the Cross, which you sanctified in this way, we beg you for your immense piety and abundant goodness; that these clouds that are before me, above me, behind me, to my right, to my left that I see full of water, may it please you to scramble, dissolve, and wipe them out; and if they come together with the power of the Devil and his unholy anger, may you wreck them and destroy them, for the greater glory of Your holy Name and powerful majesty. You who live and reign with God the Father in union with the Holy Spirit, Holy God, world without end. Amen.

After turning to face the clouds, sign yourself saying the following:

Surround yourself clouds, God the Father + ; surround yourself clouds, God the Son + , surround yourself clouds, God the Holy Spirit + . Destroy yourself clouds, God the Father + ; destroy yourself clouds, God the Son + ; destroy yourself clouds, God the Holy Spirit + . Subdue yourself clouds, God the Father + ; subdue yourself clouds, God the Son + ; subdue yourself clouds, God the Holy Spirit + . Amen.

Prayer:

Saint Matthew, Saint Mark, Saint Luke, Saint John the Evangelist, who spread the gospel of Christ through the four parts of the world, by your merits and by the present necessities, give an end to this storm for the good of all Christians and in union with our Lord Jesus Christ, guard us, defend us, and protect us.

Exorcism:

And I, a sinner, in the name of Christ, although in truth unworthily clad in the authority and virtue of the same God and of our Lord Jesus Christ, emperors of all creation, still you will confound and destroy my power of an unclean spirit that excites these clouds and mists and by the virtue of the same God and our Lord Jesus Christ, by your holiest + Incarnation, by your holy Birth, by your Baptism and fasting, by your holiest cross + and passion, by your holy resurrection, by your admirable ascent, by your tremendous advent and trial for the overwhelming merits of the Holiest Virgin Mary and Our Holiest Father, by the merits of all the saints, move back and clear yourself, in the wild and uncultivated places, in which you may not cause harm to men, animals, fruits, herbs, and trees, nor any other thing destined to the use of humanity. By the same Lord Jesus Christ who will come to judge the living and the dead and through the end of the ages of ages, amen. + Likewise your power, o demons who move these clouds, you will be nothing by the previous command. This is my true Son in whom I entrust the care of all things so as to destroy your power stretching over his holiest body and most sacred cross. + For this very reason he rose from the dead, + for this very reason after forty days he ascended into heaven, + for this very reason he will come to judge the living and the dead, throughout the ages of ages. Amen.

Taking a cross in the hand, say:

I have this, the holy wood of the Cross; flee, o adversities, and overcome them thou, our Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God omnipotent, emperor of the world, of the tribe of Judah and the kingdom of David.

Afterwards, sprinkle the four cardinal directions in the form of a cross with water and the blessed exorcism according to the rules of this book. If the storm does not calm down, say the Litany of the Saints. Conclude by saying the Salve Regina et Mater, etc. Afterwards, bless the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and continue with the following:

We adore Him and sing Him until the end of days; pray for us, Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of God, we pray to Christ to aid us; your name will soon aid us. Lord, hear my prayer; and may my cry reach you.

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

Oremus:

Omnipotent and eternal God who by the means of confession of true faith gave three servants to know the glorious and eternal Trinity that they may be able to adore your powerful majesty in union, grant that we may stand in that same faith that we defeat all odds.

Oremus:

Lord, protect your servants in long peace and may the most ever-blessed Virgin Mary aid us and free us from all danger and deliver us from falling into the hands of our enemies.

Oremus:

Lord, may you desire that your holy spiritual countenance may be free from this malignant storm of water.

Oremus:

Lord, attend to the prayers that we say; we beg you that you calm our tribulations that rightly afflict us for our sins, and let us know your mercy from your merciful providence.

Oremus:

Lord, our God, deign to preserve the corners of the earth that we may experience your temporary aid and that we may spiritually increase, through Jesus Christ our Lord, amen.

These prayers may be made to other Saints, and if the storm has not calmed, the four Gospels can be read and the storm will calm.

3.6 That Evil Spirits May Not Enter into the Body

We conjure you, each and every one of you, unclean spirits, satanic powers, raids of the infernal enemy, all of the legions, all of the sects, all of the diabolical armies, that in the name and virtue of our Lord Jesus Christ + , that you undo yourselves by the roots and flee well away from the Church of God, and from the souls made in the image of God and redeemed by the precious blood of the Divine Lamb +. Further, never dare, o most sly serpent, to deceive the human race, to persecute the Church of God, to annoy and sift as wheat the elect of God. Thus is commanded to you by the highest God +, to whom in your great pride presume to be like, he who desires to have all men saved and come unto knowledge of the truth.⁹ God the Father + commands you, God the Son + commands you, God the Holy Spirit + commands you. The majesty of Christ commands you, the eternal Word of God made flesh + who for the salvation of our lineage, perfidious on account of our treachery, who humbled himself and became obedient unto death;¹⁰ and who built his Church on strong rock, promising that evil would never prevail against Her always even unto the end of the world.¹¹ The Sacrament of the Cross + commands you, and the strength of all the mysteries of the Christian faith +. The blood of the Martyrs commands you, and the pious intercession of all the Saints +.

And so, damn dragon, all the diabolical legions, we conjure you by the Living God +, by the True God +, by the Holy God +, by the God who so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but may reach eternal life¹², to cease the seduction of human creatures and the provision of them the poison of eternal perdition: cease your harm to the Church and from binding Her freedom. Begone, Satan, inventor and master of all treachery, the enemy of salvation of mankind. Abandon the work to Christ, in whom you found none of your works; abandon the work to the Church, One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic to which Christ himself gained with his blood. Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God; tremble and flee the invocation of the holy and terrible Name of Jesus, by whom the hells shake and are subject to the virtues and great powers of the Dominations of Heaven, to whom the Cherubim and Seraphim praise in unending chorus saying Holy, Holy, Holy.

V: May the Lord hear my prayer.

R: And my cry reach your ears.

V: The Lord be with you.

R: And with your spirit.

3.7 To Bless Any Object from Being Touched by Evil Spirits

Hold the object to be blessed in the left hand. Say the following blessing while burning incense¹³ and sulfur in a small quantity mixed in a cauldron.

Agios, Athanatos, Berou, Ciel, Didotois.

Perpetual light, Eternity, Star of the stars, Sanctifier of the Universe, descend hither

⁹I Timothy 2:4

¹⁰Philippians 2:8

¹¹Matthew 28:20

¹²John 3:16

¹³Presumably frankincense.

and consecrate this (object). In the same way, deign to receive my prayers that I direct to you among this incense and sulfur. Amen.

3.8 To Prevent All Harm to a Newborn Child and Preserve Its Health in the Womb

God of Moses, God of Aaron, God of Abraham, eternal, ineffable, uncreated Spirit, Father of all things that exist above the brilliant chariot that continuously rotates around the worlds, ruler of the immense ethers, from the throne that your power has placed yourself, sovereign Lord, you who since the beginning of the ages intervene in the mysterious fertilization of creatures: descend, purify, bless, and quicken the new life to be created by you, do not forsake it your love, Omnipotent God, pure Spirit; give him your breath! Amen.

3.9 Exorcism to Draw out Evil Spirits from the Body

I, as a creature of God, made in His likeness and redeemed by His blood, I force you by this rule, demon or demons, to cease your delusions and abandon your torment of infernal fury from this body that serves you as quarter. For a second time I tell you and make known the name of the Sovereign Lord, strong and mighty, that you leave this place and exit out of it, never returning to occupy it again. May the Lord be with all of us, present and absent, so that you, demon, can never torment the creatures of God. Flee, flee or else you will be bound with the chains of the Archangel Michael, and afflicted with the prayer of Saint Cyprian dedicated to undo all sorts of sorcery.

Conclude this with the following Prayer of Saint Cyprian.

As a servant of God and his creation, I hereby release the evil spirit that is here bound. At the time of the Divine Creator whom I love with all my heart, soul, and senses since I met him, and whom I promise to adore eternally and to acknowledge the blessings that the loving Father granted me without stint or measure, I command you, spirit of evil, that you separate yourself from the act of this body that you are tormenting so that you may leave it free from your presence, so that it can worthily receive the sprinkling of holy water that is like divine rain made above him, saying: In the name of the Father, of the Son, of the Holy Spirit, (add the usual) who lives and reigns eternally; by the virtues that the spirits on high, Adonay, Eloim, and Jehovam possess, whose presence and strength I invoke in this act. Amen.

All these invocations must be made with great faith and love for God, and Satan will surely not wait until the end of the exorcism which follows to leave free the sick or possessed.

3.10 To Free a Person from Evil Spirits

In the name of Saint Cyprian and by God thrice holy, by the power of the spirits on high Adonay, Eloim, Jehovam, and Mitraton, I N. release the body of N. so that they may be freed of all evil spells, enchantments, and sorceries, whether produced by men or women or any other cause. May God be praised and glorified, and may he deign

that all sorceries may be undone, destroyed, disconnected, and come to nothing, thus to accomplish that the body of N. may be free of all evils that afflict him.

Great and Mighty God! May your name be glorified and that your sovereign intercession may evil spirits be driven out who here abide in the body of N., ceasing since the spell employed by those who caused this harm. I conjure you and order you to disappear, without ever being able to enter into this body upon which I make three crosses. I bless N., with holy water in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, that they may protect and guard N. that they may never be tormented.

With these words sprinkle the body with holy water. It is useful to know that he who executes the exorcism have the sick person on their right, and that the crosses that are to be made from left to right.

3.11 Against Hail and Hurricanes

Say the following prayer while holding the white-handled knife,¹⁴ making four crosses in the air, cutting from top to bottom and from left to right. Both the conjuration and the crosses are to be repeated four times each, in the directions of the four cardinal points.

I conjure you, clouds and hurricanes and hail and sleet and storms, in the name of the great living God, of Eloim, of Jehovam, and of Mitraton, that you dissolve yourselves like the sat in water and that you call yourselves back to the uninhabited forests and uncultivated canyons without causing harm or ruin to anyone.

¹⁴For more on this and other magical tools, see appendix B.3.

4 Prayers for the Dead

These prayers are to be made, if possible, at the gate of a cemetery or inside one at any hour of the day, but if this is not possible then they can be made at midnight in a room covered in black cloth with a single lit candle. Likewise, for the greatest effect, the Novena of Saint Cyprian should be said first before the prayer with great sincere faith and silence, and always with the heart inclined to the way of good and taking into account these holy words:

That which you do not want for yourself, do not want for your neighbor. Those who sow the wind shall reap the whirlwind.¹⁵

4.1 The Glory that Was

This body now dead and present here seeks prayers and prayers we pray that they may rest in peace and that their soul reaches the purest heights to rejoice in glory. Glory to you, N., who was good on earth and will rejoice in heaven. Your family here praises you, blesses you, and sings your deeds through my intervention and I with the help of the highest and luminous spirits dedicate this prayers to you that it may serve you as a support on your way ascending to the light. Our cries reach you; our pleas our heard by you; our prayers go up to the throne of the Father, of the Son, and the Blessed Virgin. Amen.

4.2 For the Arrangement of Goods

In the name of almighty God, o soul that no longer exists in this body of N, where do you find yourself? Our cries reach the throne of the Most High and he will order you down to our presence and to proclaim the mysteries of the shadows of the earth that you left. Your lovers, your women, your children, your friends that for your salvation raise this prayer to the throne of God wish that you fairly return the interests you left behind on earth as the love you took to other worlds and inspire us to divide it, your spirit always upright and righteous. Amen, amen, amen.

4.3 Vengeance

May the black wings of Satan extend over the dead body of N. May evil spirits reign over their head and over their properties. May calamities befall their family once again. May they find the lamp of the Lord extinguished. Even if they are still alive, may they soon die. Thus has Satan promised and will fulfill and all misfortunes will fall upon them. For the wrath of God is already beginning to manifest; there is no term of time that is not to be fulfilled; there is no debt that is not to be repaid; and justice is done here and in the hereafter without judges or witnesses. I demand justice for N., and this response will soon come, and no one shall know. For my secret stays and will stay in this cemetery, for ever and ever, world without end. Amen.

¹⁵Hosea 8:7

4.4 Protection

Incline, o Lord, your ear to my plea, by which I humbly implore your mercy for the soul of your servant N. that you have ordered to leave this world; may you place their soul in the place of peace and light and lead their soul to be a companion of your holy saints. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

4.5 Pardon

O God, who is himself mercy and forgiveness, I humbly beg you for the soul of your servant N., who you had taken from this world, that you not deliver them into the hands of the enemy, nor forget them forever, but that you may lead the holy angels to receive them and accompany them to the heavenly homeland, so that as they hoped for and believed in You, that they may not suffer the punishments of hell, but that they may possess eternal joy. Through Jesus Christ or Lord. Amen.

4.6 To Destroy, Ruin, and Torch

The day of wrath and vengeance has come. On the living body of N in the darkness of this night and in this place strewn with corpses of my brothers resting in the shadows of the cross, I conjure, I call, and I command the spirits of destruction while my heart weeps blood and my dried eyes go crazy at the sight of the great shadow, by this prayer that I dedicate to the soul of N., for the body and the goods of N., may it be that...

Lord, Lord! Powerful Lord of Heaven, of Earth, of fire and water. Your humble servant begs, pleads, and prays that you hear and take in your humble servant under your wings wide and powerful.

4.7 The Novena of Saint Cyprian and Saint Justina

Offer these prayers every year in the month of September beginning on the first day corresponding to Monday and ending on the twenty-sixth day of the same month of the glorious Saint Cyprian and Saint Justina. No one will cause you evil through magical or cabalistic objects, nor through enchantments; all your difficulties will be overcome and your enemies unarmed; your spirit will be made tranquil and will soar to the highest heights where it will be freed from its material body, enjoy heavenly delights, and spread its influence over all events and matters. You will achieve such things as you desire at the novena's end if you run true with these prayers to the Supreme Creator.

The best hours for these prayers are between eleven o' clock at night and one o' clock in the morning, attempting to be alone at home, in a field, or in a church if possible. If you cannot make these prayers at these times, the same result will be given by making them during the day, but without anyone distracting you in a solitary place.

These mysterious prayers should all be made in the form known as the Novena of Saint Cyprian and Saint Justina, praying them during the seven days of the week, dedicating the other two remaining days to meditation and praying seven times each day the prayer known as the Grace of Saint Cyprian and Saint Justina, found after these novena prayers.

This novena can be done at any time of the year, given a silent and solitary place.